Conference on Disarmament

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Decision for the re-establishment of an informal working group

(Adopted at the 1354th plenary meeting on 5 June 2015)

The Conference on Disarmament,

In pursuance of its agenda contained in CD/2008,

Stressing the importance of adoption and implementation of a balanced and comprehensive programme of work at the earliest possible date in its 2015 session,

Without prejudice to the rules of procedure of the Conference and the responsibilities entrusted to the President under the rules of procedure of the Conference on Disarmament, in particular rule 29 for drawing up the programme of work of the Conference.

decides,

1. To re-establish the informal working group (hereinafter referred to as the Group), pursuant to rule 23 of its rules of procedure, with a mandate to produce a programme of work robust in substance and progressive over time in implementation.

2. That the President of the Conference on Disarmament shall chair the Group and shall be assisted by a co-chair who shall carry out consultations on his/her behalf. For the 2015 session, the co-chair shall be Mrs. Päivi KAIRAMO, Ambassador of Finland.

3. That the Group shall remain open to all members States of the Conference on Disarmament and to those interested non-member States that the Conference has invited to participate, as observers, in its work during the 2015 session, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Conference and the decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036).

4. That, in its work, the Group shall continue to use the rules of procedure of the Conference, mutatis mutandis. In particular, the Group shall conduct its work and adopt its decisions by consensus, as provided by rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Conference.

5. That the Group shall hold meetings during the 2015 session as per timetable established by its co-chair in consultation with the President. Such meetings shall be open to all members and observers of the Conference, in accordance with paragraph 3 above.

6. That the co-chair shall report to the President of the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of the work of the Group on a regular basis and, at the President's request, to the plenary according to the rules of procedure. The President shall submit the final report

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on the work of the Group to the Conference as early as possible, but no later than the second week of the third part of the 2015 session of the Conference on Disarmament for consideration and adoption in accordance with the Conference's rules of procedure. Taking into account, and pursuant to rule 29 of the rules of procedure, the President will draw up a programme of work of the Conference for consideration and adoption.